

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,743)

In application of:

Li *et al.*

Serial No.

09/458,553³³

Filed:

December 9, 1999

For:

Reporterless Genosensors using
Electrical Detection Methods

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Before the Examiner:

B. Sisson

Group Art Unit: 1655

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION
MAILED MAY 17, 2000

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) An apparatus for electrical detection of molecular interactions between an immobilized oligonucleotide probe and a target nucleic acid molecule, comprising:

- (a) a supporting substrate comprising ceramic, glass, silicon, fabric, or plastic.
- (b) a plurality of microelectrodes in contact with the supporting substrate,
- (c) a plurality of conjugated polymer films in contact with the microelectrodes and to which oligonucleotide probes are immobilized,
- (d) at least one counter-electrode in contact with the supporting substrate,
- (e) a means for producing electrical impedance at each microelectrode,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Official Action
 - c. Petition for Extension of Time
2. With respect to additional fees:
 - a. An additional fee of \$390.00 is required.
3. Please charge the full amount of any required fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and this paper, as described in paragraph 1 herein above, are being sent via facsimile transmission to the telephone number on the accompany Facsimile Transmittal Sheet, addressed to: Examiner B. Sisson, Group Art Unit 1655, c/o Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 17th day of October 2000.

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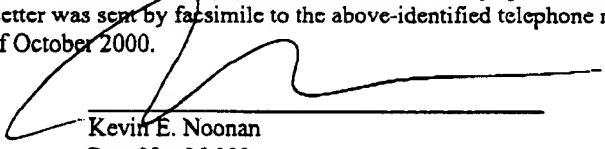
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Please deliver to Examiner Sisson as soon as possible.

Certificate of Facsimile Transmission: The undersigned attorney hereby certifies by his signature below that the foregoing papers as described in Paragraph 1 of the accompanying Transmittal Letter was sent by facsimile to the above-identified telephone number on Tuesday the 17th day of October 2000.


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